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NJMC Wins Award for Mill Creek Point Park Design *Adds to Long List of Plaudits for NJMC Park Development*

SECAUCUS, N.J. – Mill Creek Point Park, designed by the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission for the Town of Secaucus, has earned a 2006 Merit Award from the New Jersey Chapter American Society of Landscape Architects (NJASLA).

“Congratulations to our Parks Group for their excellent work on behalf of the residents of the District,” said NJMC Chairman and Department of Community Affairs Acting Commissioner Charles A. Richman. “This is yet another example of how this agency is dedicated to bringing high quality open spaces and recreational opportunities to the people of the Meadowlands.”

Opened in October of 2004, the 7.5-acre park includes a launch for canoes and kayaks, ornamented wildlife viewing areas, interpretive signage, special landscaping, and places for catch-and-release fishing. The park serves as the trailhead for the 2.5-mile Mill Creek Canoe Trail. The park will eventually be the northern end of a 15-mile walking trail called the Secaucus Greenway, which will parallel the Hackensack River.

“Well-designed park space can be a tremendous asset to any community and is a necessity for a high quality of life,” said NJMC Executive Director Robert Ceberio. “This is only another chapter in our efforts to bring better public spaces to our residents, including the pending River Barge Park in Carlstadt, and an extensive trail network planned for the entire District.”

Mill Creek Point Park is situated between two large tracts of wetlands. To the east is the 260-acre Mill Creek Marsh, a unique habitat for nesting and migrant aquatic animal and bird populations. To the west is the Secaucus High School Marsh, a 42-acre wetland slated for enhancement.

The park is part of an ongoing initiative by the NJMC and Meadowlands District municipalities to preserve open space and link these spaces by greenways and waterways. Including this award, the NJMC has earned a total of 27 awards for its park development since 1987.

Directions to the Mill Creek Point Park and/or a list of awards earned by the NJMC for park development are available upon request.

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